

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 76 through 79 and 84 through 87 are pending, with Claims 76 and 84 being independent. Claims 80 through 83 and 88 through 91 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 76 through 79 and 84 through 87 have been amended.

Claims 76 through 91 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, 1st paragraph, as lacking both written description and enablement. All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Turning first to written description, Applicants respectfully submit that the claimed features are supported in the disclosure as filed, as follows: (a) allocating predetermined codes to predetermined processes of the multiple processes — Applicants respectfully submit that support may be found, e.g., at page 16, line 1 through page 21, line 24, and Figs. 5 through 7, which disclose, *inter alia*, allocating an action code; (b) allocating codes other than the predetermined codes to processes other than the predetermined processes — Applicants respectfully submit that support may be found, e.g., at page 21, line 25 through p.24, line 23, and Fig. 8, which disclose, *inter alia*, allocating an action code to a non-reservation action; (c) outputting printing data which indicates the codes allocated — Applicants respectfully submit that support may be found, e.g., at page 26, lines 8 through 20, and Fig. 9, which disclose, *inter alia*, outputting the data for printing; and (d) in accordance with a print instruction being provided by a user, or in accordance with a reaching of a time set in advance, allocating codes other than the predetermined codes — Applicants respectfully submit that support may be found, e.g., at page 24, line 24 through p. 26, line 7 and Fig. 9, which disclose, *inter alia*, that if a printing time has been reached (Step S901) or the user has issued a printing instruction (Step S902), an action code is allocated for a program

searched for and is stored in the non-reservation action list (Step S905). In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that the artisan would have thought that Applicants were in possession of the claimed invention. MPEP 2163.02, 2163.04.

Turning to enablement, Applicants respectfully submit that the disclosure fully enables one of ordinary skill in the art to make and use the claimed invention without undue experimentation. There has been no showing of any evidence or reasons to the contrary. See MPEP 2164.04 (citing In re Wright, 27 U.S.P.Q.2d 1510 (Fed. Cir. 1993)), and MPEP 2164.08. (For example, there are no factual findings regarding any quantity of experimentation.) Absent any such evidence or reasons it is respectfully submitted that the rejection is not well-founded. Furthermore, it will be appreciated that a rejection for undue breadth is not appropriate if one of ordinary skill can ascertain which embodiments encompassed by the claim are operative without undue experimentation. See In re Wands, 8 U.S.P.Q.2d 1400, 1404 (Fed. Cir. 1988). Working examples are not required for enablement, and even considerable experimentation is not considered undue if the specification provides a reasonable amount of guidance with respect to the direction in which experimentation should proceed. *Id.* It is also well-settled that the claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments. See In re Dinh-Nguyen, 492 F.2d 856, 858-859. MPEP 2164.04, 2164.08.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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